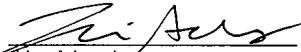


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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